

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 863

Introduced by Assembly Member Bass

February 18, 2005

An act to add Chapter 12.7 (commencing with Section 18985) to Part 6 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to children.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 863, as introduced, Bass. Child Welfare Council.

Existing law provides for oversight by various state and local entities of certain populations of children, including those who are wards of the juvenile court, and those who are in foster care, or are otherwise under the supervision of county welfare departments.

Existing law provides for a system of child welfare services administered by each county, with oversight by the State Department of Social Services.

This bill would establish the Child Welfare Council, which would advise on the management of the multiple agencies that provide services to children and youth in contact with courts, and the child welfare and foster care systems.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 12.7 (commencing with Section 18985)
- 2 is added to Part 6 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions
- 3 Code, to read:

CHAPTER 12.7. CHILD WELFARE COUNCIL

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3 18985. The Child Welfare Council is hereby established in
4 state government. The purpose of the council is to provide
5 collaborative advice on the management of multiagency services
6 to children and youth who are in contact with courts, and the
7 child welfare and foster care systems.

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